

**SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY**

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MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING  
*of the*  
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
*and the*  
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 28, 2002

**1. Call to Order.**

The joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chairperson Michael Berger at 7:35 p.m. on January 28, 2002 at Camp Max Straus, 1040 Shirley Jean Street, Glendale, California.

**2. Roll Call of Conservancy.**

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Elizabeth Cheadle, Russell Guiney, Hal Ross, Woody Smeck, Steven Treanor, Jerome Daniel, Vice Chair, and Michael Berger, Chair. The following members were absent: David Allgood, Steve Horn, and Jonathan Zasloff. Quorum present. The following member was present subsequent to roll call: Ed Begley, Jr.

The following Legislative member designees were present: Mary Sue Maurer and Susan McEntire. The following Legislative member designees were absent: Laura Plotkin, Michael Miiller, Kevin Rudiger, and Scott Svonkin.

**3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.**

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Terre Hirsch, Barry Read, Roseann Mikos, Linda Palmer, Anthony Portantino, Richard Gould, Don Robinson, Paul Rockenstein, Thomas Seifert, Nancy Steele, Nancy Stephens, Marc Stirdivant, Kenneth Warner, Timothy Wendler, George Lange, Vice Chair, and Alan Kishbaugh, Chair. The following members were absent: Colleen Briner-Schmidt, Dave Brown, Ed Corridori, Bruce Crow, Lesley Devine, Joan House, and Mark Johnson. The following member was present subsequent to roll call: Michael Cacciotti.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, AICP, Executive Director; Rorie Skei, Acting Chief Deputy Director; Reva Concoff, Deputy Executive Officer and Chief Operations Officer; Paul Edleman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Amy Lethbridge, Deputy Executive Officer of Education, Interpretation, and Urban Programs; Walt Young, Chief Ranger; Timothy Miller, Chief of Construction; Elsa Luna, Chief of Finance and Administration; Katherine Chew, Staff Counsel; Juliet Chung, Associate Governmental Program Analyst; Jan Wolterstorff, Public Outreach Coordinator and Project Analyst; Tracy Dockery, Staff Services Manager, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

Representing the Office of the Attorney General was Nedra Austin, Deputy Attorney General.

The Executive Director administered the oath of office to Barry Read.

#### **4. Minutes**

The minutes of December 28, 2001 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of December 28, 2001 were approved as submitted.

#### **5. Reports**

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Mr. Edelman.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Cheadle.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Mr. Young

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The Conservancy received a verbal report from Ms. Lethbridge.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Mr. Miller.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Palmer.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and the Chair.

**6. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.**

The following persons addressed the Conservancy:

Mr. Paul Hubler , representing the office of Congressman Adam Schiff, on item 11.

Comments were made by the Chair.

Mr. Brad Rosenberg, representing Jewish Big Brothers and Camp Max Straus, on item 11.

Mr. Woody Hastings, member of the public, on item 7(f).

Ms. Sophie Calisto, representing the Kerry Lane Protection Project, on item 7(f).

Mr. Don Tubs, representing the Montecito Park Homeowners Association, on item 11.

Ms. Alice Cugley, representing the Oakmont Woods Property Homeowners Association, on item 11.

Ms. Susan B. Nelson, representing Friends of the Santa Monica Mountains.

Ms. Odalis Suarez, representing the Glendale Homeowners Coordinating Council, on item 11.

Mr. Don Mullally, representing the Santa Clarita Woodlands Park Committee, on items 12 and 13.

Mr. Max Hobbs, representing VOICE, on item 11.

Ms. Eleanor Torres, representing the office of Assemblymember Dario Frommer, on item 11.

Ms. Andrea Humberger, representing the Montrose/Verdugo City/ Spam Heights Residents and Homeowners Association, on item 11.

Ms. Marry Star, representing the Sierra Club, on item 11.

**7. Consent Calendar:**

(a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the California Department of Transportation on the Notice of Preparation for the State Route 118 Interchange Improvements at Rocky Peak Road Overcrossing, unincorporated Ventura County.**

(b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on the Notice of Completion for Conditional Use Permit 01-066, 2910 Kanan Road, Triunfo Creek watershed, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

(c) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles**

**County on Castaic Junction Industrial Project Notice of Preparation, located south of the Interstate 5/State Route 126 interchange, in the Santa Clara River watershed.**

- (d) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept an offer to dedicate approximately 17 acres, located north of Mulholland Highway, east of Las Virgenes Road, from Parcel Map No. 21998 (APN 4455-016-017), unincorporated Los Angeles County.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority apply for grants from the California Department of Parks and Recreation Proposition 12 Riparian and Riverine Habitat Grant Program, for land acquisition and/or restoration.**
- (f) Consideration of a resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept the following offers to dedicate open space easements: 1) portions of APNs 4465-009-026 (lots 109 and 110) and 4465-09-026 (lot 108) located in the Malibu Mar Vista small lot subdivision, off Latigo Canyon and Escondido Canyon Roads; 2) portion of APN 44410-026-015 (lots 8 and 9) and portions of APNs 4441-026-015 and 4441-026-016 (lots 10,11 and 12) located in Topanga Oaks small lot subdivision, off Topanga Canyon Blvd; 3) portion of APN 4448-014-030 (lots 7 - 21) and portion of APN 4448-014-030 (lot 4) located in Fernwood small lot subdivision, off Vulcan and Kerry Lanes; 4) APNs 4461-027-013, 014 and 015 (lots 62-64) and APN 4461-027-010 (lot 19), Malibu Vista small lot subdivision, near Old Chimney Road; 5) APNs 4462-024-900, 901, 902, 903 and 904 (lots 138, 139, 184-186), located in Malibu Lake small lot subdivision, off Modoc Trail near Lookout Drive, and 6) APN 4465-010-001, 002 (lots 1 and 2) and APN 4465-010-003 (lot 3), located in Malibu Mar Vista small lot subdivision, off Latigo Canyon Road.**
- (g) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority apply for Urban Streams Restorations grants on the Los Angeles River, and other areas as may be appropriate.**
- (h) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority authorize a grant of easement to the City of Thousand Oaks for replacement of a water storage tank and appurtenant improvements adjacent to the existing tank easement on the Rolling Oaks ("Linfin") open space, City of Thousand Oaks.**

- (i) **Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority apply for a grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board, Used Oil Opportunity Grant Program, for education programs.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, the advisory committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 02-01, 02-02, 02-03, 02-04, 02-05, 02-06, 02-07, and 02-09.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 02-01, 02-02, 02-03, 02-04, 02-05, 02-06, 02-07, and 02-09.

*(The full text of these resolutions is attached.)*

- 8. **Consideration of resolution adopting Project Plan for Confluence Park and recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority approve budget for Confluence Park, Los Angeles.**

The Chair noted that item 8 was repeated as item 15 on the agenda, and that item 15 would not be heard.

Comments were made Mr. Kishbaugh.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 02-10.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 02-10.

- 9. **Consideration of resolution authorizing comment letter on the Resources Agency's Draft Los Angeles River Parkway Grant Program Guide.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Mr. Lange.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 02-11.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Treanor, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 02-11.

- 10. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority advance funds to acquire tax defaulted properties (included within Chapter 8 agreement number 2140) that are located in the Western Santa Monica Mountains, and authorize acceptance of funds and future transfer of the properties to the National Park Service, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director, and Ms. Palmer.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Cheadle.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 02-12.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 02-12.

- 11. Consideration of resolution adopting Project Plan for the Northeastern Verdugo Mountains, including Engleheard Canyon-Oakmont View V, Engleheard Canyon North Fork, and Verdugo Mountains-Deer Creek Canyon projects, City of Glendale.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of

Resolution No. 02-13.

Comments were made by Messrs. Stirdivant and Kishbaugh.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 02-13.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

**12. Consideration of resolution adopting Project Plan for Santa Susana Mountains-Joughin Ranch Project, Chatsworth/Oat Mountain area, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos and Ms. Palmer.

Comments were made Ms. Skei.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 02-14.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 02-14.

**13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 12 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for acquisition of Santa Susana Mountains-Joughin Ranch, Chatsworth/Oat Mountain area, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Comments were made by Ms. Skei.

A verbal amendment was made changing the amount to be awarded from \$4,000,000 to \$4,085,000.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Seifert, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 02-15.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Guiney, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 02-15.

**14. Consideration of resolution authorizing mid-year amendments to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Fiscal Year 2001-2002 budget.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Ms. Luna.

Questions were propounded Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by Ms. Luna.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Robinson, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 02-16.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Treanor, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 02-16.

**15. Consideration of resolution adopting Project Plan for Confluence Park and recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority approve budget for Confluence Park, Los Angeles.**

This item was removed from the agenda.

**16. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority authorize: (a) Entering into an agreement with the Presidio Group, LLC to assume its position in an escrow to acquire APN 2818-021-002 located in Chatsworth District, City of Los Angeles; (b) Entering into a project agreement to acquire said parcel with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District; (c) Acceptance of acquisition funds for said property from Presidio Group, LLC; (d) Expenditure of Deerlake Highlands Improvement funds and bridge easement funds for said property, and (e) Acquisition of said property and future transfer to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. (This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A) of the Government Code.)**



Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Steele, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 02-18.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Treanor, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 02-18.

- 17. Consideration of a resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority acquire approximately one half acre parcel of APN 5415-001-007 from Agoura Hills Marketplace LLC, located on the northeast corner of San Fernando Road and Figueroa Street, Los Angeles. *(This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A) of the Government Code.)***

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 02-19.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 02-19.

- 18. Closed Session: (The Conservancy may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A), Section 11126.3(a), and Section 11126 Subdivision (e) of the Government Code. Confidential memoranda related to the following items may be considered during such closed session discussions.) Discussion and possible action regarding pending and/or potential litigation: *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. City of Los Angeles, a charter city and Department of Water and Power; Save Open Space v. County of Ventura (Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Real Parties in Interest); Tucker v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.; Tucker v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority et al.; City of Malibu v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy; City of Malibu v. California Coastal Commission, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.; Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.; Mirharooni v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.; Malibu-Encinal Home Owners***

*Association, Inc. v. Lechuza Villas West, LLP, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, State Coastal Conservancy et al.; Los Amigos de Caballero Canyon v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.; Nervik v. State of California; Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Soka University of America; Sierra Club et al. v. County of Los Angeles; State of California, ex rel. Andrea Tuttle, Director of Department of Forestry and Fire Protection v. Southern California Edison Company.*

No closed session was heard.

**19. Members comments on matters not on the Agenda.**

Comments were made by Messrs. Rockenstein, Smeck, Portantino, and Daniel.

**20. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on February 25, 2002.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

  
JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, AICP  
Executive Director

  
Approved:

MICHAEL BERGER  
Chairperson